# Our Aims for 1882

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place that the sole of your foot shall tread
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Our aim is first to support fully every school
already established, now about 40 in number.
Some of them through very success need an additional
teacher thus adding much to the expenses. Then
so far as money is provided, we will plant
schools in new locations, trusting that each will
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place in which to preach. Our aim is to erect
Chapel-School-rooms as many and as soon as
possible. In such buildings "is continuance"; such
as may well make a false priesthood tremble.
For thus putting efforts into material form, we
need from $650 to $1200 at every station. Some
of these Chapels are already under way - the money
being provided through contributions to the Garfield
Memorial fund. Let all aim to provide the

money further needed.

The Salt Lake City Institute under the able supervision of Prof. J. M. Coyner, must depend still for partial support upon the friends of Home Missions. A new Normal School for girls is proposed in another part of the Territory. Funds for such additional effort will be acceptable

III. New Mexico and South Colorado. The work here is essentially one. Mexicans and Indians both need attention. Not only are Jemez and Zuni and Corrales to be cared for, but a new enterprise at Mora, begun under most favorable auspices. The Pueblo training School at Albuquerque is doing excellent work, but many more Indians might be received into it.

In Arizona a School of over 67 Navajo Indians must not be neglected, nor that among the Apaches at San Carlos. Also the Board of Home Missions has turned its "hand on the desolate places" of the Moquis.

What shall we say more of Nebraska and Jeppaz's of the Indian Territory where parts of 31 tribes are congregated, in which both State and Territory Indians are earnestly calling for Presbyterian ministers and teachers."

Turning again toward the East, let not Tennessee be forgotten. A band of Christian sisters there are most energetically at work for Home Missions

but find a field within their own borders, though indulging also in the leisure of helping "in regions beyond" The Woman's Executive Committee has for one of its aims, to aid the Woman's Synodical Missionary Society of Tennessee in Missionary cultivation of its own soil. Another aim of the Woman's Executive Committee of Home Missions emphasized by the Board of Home Missions ~~in view of~~ its organization as an important way in which ~~it could~~ could be given, is to spread information in every hopeful and suitable way. As to the real need there is of doing Mission work within the United States. Sad facts come to us, rather to be imagined than put in print, as to degradation and wickedness, which rival that to be found in so called heathen countries.

To this end we ask for contributions to our printing & Postage fund. The distribution of leaflets etc has become an important part of our work and in case of every issue, we have thus far been amply repaid for any immediate outlay. Seed must be sown in order to a Harvest.

Another aim, in the same line, is to increase the circulation of the paper - Presbyterian Home Missions - which now is the organ of the Board of Home Missions. We note an increase of contribution to the work in proportion to the increase in its circulation. We ask that each

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one receiving it should ~~ask~~ invite others to take a share to the benefit to themselves & to the cause in what may yield ~~not~~ alone ~~to themselves a rich~~ return in pleasure and profit, ~~and~~ overflow to the ~~benefit of the cause~~ at large.

The above gives necessarily but an imperfect list of the aims in view; a glance ~~of the great~~ many openings into which the Board of Home Missions might enter, were the means at its command.

~~What is now being done among the Mormons Mexicans~~ For means to these ends, the Genl Assembly has provided a ~~and Indians cannot at present~~ Special fund. But it cannot go beyond the material aids provided by the Church to the power & Christian of the Church.

Our aim is therefore to secure the organization of Home Missionary Societies in every Church and Sabbath School, in every Presbytery; in order to gather up more of the money required; the work all to be kept under the supervision of the Synods, also with report of it all every where ~~to be~~ brought together by our Woman's Executive Committee, into one Annual Report to the Board of Home Missions, and through it to the General Assembly.

Well may we say "Who is sufficient for these things"? Certainly not the few who as yet have taken part in the work, certainly not the whole Presbyterian Church in itself considered. But following on as the Lord may still guide us, we are sure of victory at last. We close with a motto given us at our first Annual Meeting, ~~Attempt great things~~ expect great things for great things, attempt great things, and you shall receive great things"

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while waiting in the house of God before service—

We will state here the aims in a more strictly business aspect only, of the Woman's Exc. Commitee of Home Missions this present year—

I. In Alaska— At Chilcat, Sitka, Hoonyah and Fort Wrangel, Missions are ~~already~~ established, and need to be sustained. It is proposed soon to take up another station farther to the north—— Money is due upon Buildings, and the furnishing required—

We aim first to pay debts already necessarily contracted, and to use to best advantage any money which may be given to make these Missions more effective—

For every $100 a year, which Society may engage to furnish, a boy can be supported in the Sheldon Jackson Institute at Sitka; for every $25, a child in one of the day-schools—

II. In Utah and Idaho - In these Territories, where as yet Mormonism reigns almost supreme, opportunities are offered to the Presbyterian church to entrench itself, which may pass away, if not improved at once -

We thank God that thus far, the promise to our church as to Joshua has proved true in regard to Utah - "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you" -

Our aim is first to plant every school already established, now about six number, on a permanent basis - Some of them, though very scarce need an additional teacher, & thus the expense connected with them will be greater - Organs and Bells are urgently asked for in the valleys of Utah, as elsewhere - Then we aim to plant schools in new locations, trusting that each will grow into a church requiring a pastor -

Again a school requires a place in which it can be taught; and the "coming" pastor a place in which to preach - Our aim is to erect Chapel-school-rooms, as many of them and as soon as possible - In such buildings "is continuance"; such as may well make a false priesthood tremble -

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III. In New Mexico, and South Colorado — Not only are Jemez and Zuni and Corrales to be cared for in the one, and Conejos, San Rafael etc, in the other, but a new enterprise at Mora N. Mex. has been commenced under favorable auspices.

The Pueblo Indian Training-school at Albuquerque is doing excellent work, but many more pupils at $30 each, might be received into it.

IV. In Arizona a school of about 70 Navajoes must not be neglected, nor that among the Apaches at San Carlos. Also the Board of Home-Missions has turned its "hand on the desolate places" of the Moquis.

What shall we say more of Schools asked for among the Sioux in Dakota, Nebraska, and of the Indian Territory where parts of thirty-one tribes are congregated, and whose Indians are earnestly calling for Presbyterian ministers and teachers.

In Tennessee the Woman's Exp. Union ~~Board of Christian Nations~~ is practically at work for Home-Missions, finds a field within its own bounds, the mountains in the luxury of giving some help in "the regions beyond." We learn to give them some assistance. ~~in their Home Department~~